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SUBJECT: OECD RECOMMENDATION ON BUNKER FUELS FOR
MARITIME TRANSPORT AND FISHING AND ON AVIATION
FUELS

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1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: RECOMMENDATIONS ON SHIPS' BUNKERS AND AVIATION FUELS AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AT JANUARY 10 MEETING, WITH USN DENMARK AND SPAIN RESERVING PENDING RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS. RESERVATIONS RECORDED AS AD REF ACCEPTANCES ON REQUEST OF SEC-GEN SO THAT NEW MEETING OF COUNCIL WILL NOT HAVE TO BE CALLED IF TEXTS ACCEPTABLE. IF TEXTS NOT ACCEPTABLE, DISCUSSION WILL BE REOPENED. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS. END INTRO AND SUMMARY.

2. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS MADE INTERPRETIVE DECLARATIONS AT MEETING INTENDED TO UNDERLINE FLEXIBILITY OF WORD "PRIORITY" IN BOTH RECOMMENDATIONS. ON SHIPS' BUNKERS, NEW ZEALAND
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DEL SATED VIEW THAT LESS FAVORABLE TREATMENT FOR FISHING

THAN FOR SHIPPING NOT PRECLUDED; CANADIAN DEL EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT TEXT NOT BE INTERPRETED TO REQUIRE NATIONAL TREATMENT FOR FISHING VESSELS; NETHERLANDS DEL REMARKED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN NOTE OFFACT THAT "PRIORITY" NOT NECESSARILY EQUIVALENT TO "HIGH-PRIORITY".

3. NETHERLANDS DEL MADE SAME OBSERVATION ON AVIATION FUELS. NEWZEALAND DEL EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO ACCORD LOWER PRIORITY TO CHARTERS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS FLIGHTSTHAN TO SCHEDULED FLIGHTS. CANADIAN DEL NOTED DIFFICULTY IN GIVING SAME PRIORITY TO INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS AS TO DOMESTIC FLIGHTS. SWEDISH DEL INDICATED HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD FEEL FREE TO EXCLUDE PRIVATE FLIGHTS FROM PRIORITY TREATMENT. JAPNESE DEL NOTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT PLANS TO GIVE CHARTER FLIGHTS LESS THAN TOP PRIORITY. AUSTRALIAN DEL DECLARED THAT RECOMMENDATION DOS NOT REQUIRE GIVING SAME PRIORITY TO ALL TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS AND THAT IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY IMPLY NATIONAL TREATMEN.

4. ALSO IN RECORD WILL BE INTERPRETIVE NOTE INDICATING THAT RECIPROCITY, ESPECIALLY IN CASE OF BUNKERS FOR MARITIME TRANSPORT, IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD IN LIGHT OF PHYSICAL POSSIBILITIES, E.G., SHIPS REGISTERED IN COUNTRIES WITHOUT PORT SHOULD NOT BE DENIED NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT BECAUSE THEIR HOME COUNTRIES ARE NOT IN A POSITION THEMSELVES TO SUPPLY BUNKERS.
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